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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 152 is set out in the report of the Committee contained in document A/71/715.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 31st and 39th meetings, on 5 May and 29 June 2017. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 (A/71/732);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/71/886).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/71/L.41

4. At its 39th meeting, on 29 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" (A/C.5/71/L.41), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Mexico.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/71/L.41 without a vote (see para. 6).

[1] A/C.5/71/SR.31 and A/C.5/71/SR.39.

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of 12 months as from 4 April 2004, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 2284 (2016) of 28 April 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation for a final period until 30 June 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 71/271 of 23 December 2016,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 26,709,909 United States dollars, representing some 0.5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 82 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

[1] A/71/732.
[2] A/71/886.

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, on an exceptional basis, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee and subject to relevant rules and regulations, to enter into commitment in respect of expenditures related to the mandated operation and liquidation of the Operation, which are identified after the closure of the Operation, and to use the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund for cash flow purposes if necessary, and to report thereon in the context of the final performance report;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;[3]

13. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation shall be credited with their respective share of 65,223,900 dollars, comprising the unencumbered balance of 48,680,300 dollars and 16,543,600 dollars of other revenue in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

14. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 65,223,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 13 above;

15. *Further decides* that the increase of 805,100 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income, in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, shall be added to the credits in the amount of 65,223,900 dollars referred to in paragraphs 13 and 14 above;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".

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[3] A/71/732.